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Mayor Paul B. Woodson Meets with Governor, Legislative Leadership

Raleigh_North Carolina_March 6 – Mayor Paul B. Woodson and members of the North Carolina Metropolitan Mayors Coalition met with Governor Pat McCrory, Senate leader Phil Berger and House Speaker Thom Tillis yesterday in Raleigh. The Coalition, which is comprised of the mayors of the state's 28 largest cities and represents more than three million citizens, focused on issues important to Salisbury and all the state's metropolitan areas.

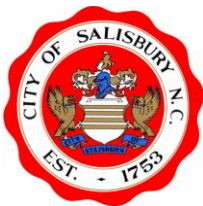
The visit to Raleigh was highlighted by a special reception with Governor McCrory at the Governor's Mansion. As mayor of Charlotte, McCrory helped found the Coalition.

"North Carolina's cities are the driving forces behind our state's economy, attracting industry and supporting innovation that benefits the entire state," said Mayor Woodson. "As mayors, we are focused on policies to strengthen our cities by improving transportation, supporting economic development and improving public safety. We are proud to partner with Governor McCrory, who -- as a former mayor, understands our concerns -- as well as the legislative leadership to advance issues that will help our cities and our people now and in the future."

According to a study commissioned by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, 81 percent of North Carolina's economic output is produced in metropolitan areas. In addition, 67 percent of the jobs in North Carolina are located in the Piedmont Crescent, the urban corridor that stretches from Charlotte to Raleigh.

The Coalition's legislative agenda is focused on promoting innovative strategies to build and maintain transportation infrastructure, providing cities the needed revenues and resources to ensure they continue to serve as thriving centers for citizens, and supporting local law enforcement and the judicial system to reduce crime.

The North Carolina Metropolitan Mayors Coalition, founded in 2001, is comprised of the mayors of the state's 28 largest cities, with more than three million citizens. The Coalition is part of the N.C. League of Municipalities, which represents all North Carolina municipalities. The Coalition is a non-partisan, mayor-driven organization and focuses on issues that are of special interest to our large cities in a fast-growing and urbanizing state. The Coalition has worked successfully with federal and state elected officials, and other municipal officials, to promote job creation, protect local revenues, invest in public infrastructure, and keep our cities safe.



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